

REMARKS**Amendment to Claims**

Claim 1 is rewritten as claim 6 to positively recite the elements and be in a form more customary for U.S. patent practice. Also, claim 6 more particularly points out that the pyromechanical disconnecting device comprises an ignition element having a connecting pin extending through the bore of the supporting floor and an elastic sealing element arranged between the ignition element and the supporting floor. The disclosure for claim 6 can be found in original claim 1, last paragraph on the first page of the application, and clearly shown in figures 1-3.

Claim 7 is dependent on claim 6 and further recites the elastic sealing element is an O-ring, as shown in Fig. 1, and see original claim 2, now cancelled.

Claim 8 is dependent on claim 6 and further recites the elastic sealing element is a flat seal which is arranged on said supporting floor, as shown in Fig. 2, and see original claim 3, now cancelled.

Claim 9 is dependent on claim 6 and further recites the elastic sealing element is an elastic compensation element injected on to said support floor, as shown in Fig. 3, and see claim 4, now cancelled.

Claim 10 is dependent on claim 7 and further recites that the housing consists of a plastic material with which glass fibres or carbon fibres are mixed for mechanical stiffening as disclosed in original claim 5, now cancelled.

Provisional Election

In response the Restriction Requirement between:

Species I – Figure 1;

Species II – Figure 2;

Species III – Figures 3;

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Species I shown in Figure 1, on which claims 6 and 7 read. Applicants respectfully submit that new claim 6 is generic, with features similar to claim 1, which was acknowledged by the Examiner as being generic. In addition to the generic claim, Applicants contend that claim 7 reads on the elected Species I. Applicants respectfully request that, upon the allowance of any one generic claim, the restriction be withdrawn and that all of the claims be subject to substantive examination.

Conclusion

It is believed, in view of the amendments and remarks herein, that all claims are in condition for allowance. If it would further prosecution of the application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned at the phone number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 50-0831.

Respectfully submitted,

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